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Re: SALT PLATFORM WITH HUB HAVING LOCKING ELEMENT Our File 11162/2001 CERTIFICATE OF "EXPRESS" MAILING (37 CFR 1.10)

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers related to a SALT PLATFORM WITH HUB HAVING LOCKING ELEMENT of Donald B. Peddicord, Michael W. Freitas and James E. Kilgore, comprising:

Specification (30 sheets);

Informal Drawings (28 sheets);

Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;

Executed Assignment assigning all rights from Michael W. Freitas and James E. Kilgore to Donald B. Peddicord;

A check in the amount of \$40.00 as Assignment Recordal filing fee;

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